

Feather Tale

St. Louis Audubon Society

A Year of Birding, Education, and Conservation

This issue of *Tale Feathers* reviews SLAS's accomplishments of the past year. If any of these efforts speak to you, consider getting involved with one of St. Louis Audubon's committees. They are composed of interested community members. Some are retired persons; others work full-time. Each decides how s/he wants to be involved and the amount of time s/he will spend. We look forward to working with you to make this year as successful as last.

Annual Meeting Highly Successful

New Officers & Board Announced, Awards Presented

By Jim Holsen

In a change from past practice, Tom Day and Karen Goellner arranged our Annual Meeting for Sunday afternoon, April 9, at Powder Valley Nature Center. Audubon members hiked the trails before the luncheon and then enjoyed Michael Macek, Curator of Birds at the St. Louis Zoo, discussing his bird studies and survival programs, which span the world. The new format and venue was well received.

Mary Dueren, a past Secretary and Education Vice President, is our new president. Vicki Flier was re-elected Vice President for Education. Joe Eades and John Solodar are Vice Presidents for Conservation and Finance, respectively. Doyle Banks is Treasurer, and Christy Beckmann is Secretary. Outgoing officers are Jim Holsen, President, Bill Groth, Vice President for Conservation, Jerry Castillon, Vice President for Finance, Mary Lou Miller, Treasurer, and Tom Day, Secretary.

New Board Members include Mary Smidt, Jerry Miller and Dianne Johnson. Pat McCormick, Jim Malone, and Mike Arduser were reelected to second board terms. Past President Jim Holsen has a one year term ex officio. In addition, the Board appointed Dave Pierce to fill an empty Board position at its May meeting. Bill Salsgiver, David Tylka and Jerry Miller composed the Nominating Committee.

Douglas Ladd of The Nature Conservancy received the Conservationist of the Year Award for his work in evaluating the ecological significance of lands proposed for preservation and for his work in prairie reclamation and restoration. Dr. Bill Brandhorst received the Dr. Robert Terry Award for his efforts to increase public awareness of and interest in butterflies and for the mounted butterfly specimens he has so generously distributed to many individuals and organizations. Joan Bray, State Representative from the 84th District, received the Legislator of the Year Award for her leadership in fighting urban sprawl and for her sponsorship of bills to preserve older homes and to promote the construction of new homes in distressed areas, and particularly in the older, inner-ring suburbs of the metropolitan area. The Awards and Scholarships Committee consists of Julie Leemann, Ed Ortleb, Gary Giessow, Christy Beckmann and Lynne Breakstone.

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St. Louis Audubon Wildlife Tours 2000 & 2001

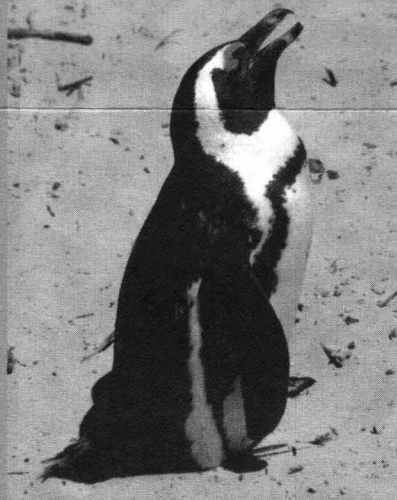
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For detailed daily itineraries, contact Paul Bauer at St. Louis Audubon Society, P.O. Box 2085, Florissant, MO 63032. Or, phone/fax Paul at 314/921-3972.



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Birding Spring

with St. Louis Audubon

By Jim Malone

Since our last newsletter we have had a ton of birdwalks to a lot of great locations, and have seen the majesty of spring migration in all of its glory. An enthusiastic crowd joined us at Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge on March 4. Waterfowl numbers and variety were good on this walk. A noisy flock of Cedar Waxwings met us in the parking area. A brief foray around Gilbert Lake added Gadwall, American Wigeon, Blue- and Green-Winged Teal, Mallards, Wood Ducks, American Black Duck, Pintails, Shovelers, Canvasbacks, and Redheads. Near the refuge headquarters, we saw Canada, Snow, Greater White-fronted, and Ross's Geese. There were also American White Pelicans, Cormorants and Great Blue Herons. Overhead, we caught views of Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, Sharp-Shinned Hawk, Red-Tailed hawk, and American Kestrel. A small side trip to Sand Ridge Road allowed us to get great views of a wintering Long-eared Owl. (Yes, it was a crowd pleaser.)

On March 12, we visited Horseshoe Lake for our annual Sparrow Round-up. A great variety of water birds included Eared Grebe, diving ducks and dabblers, as well as a few shorebirds (Lesser Yellowlegs, Pectoral Sandpipers, and Common Snipe). Though our sparrow count was somewhat limited (Savannah, Fox, Song, and White-throated sparrows), everyone had a good time.



During our Woodcock and owl prowl on March 25, we saw Snipe and Blue-winged teal at the shorebird area. We then heard and saw several Woodcocks criss-crossing the road and peenting themselves crazy.

Walks at Castlewood State Park, Tower Grove, and Forest Park provided nearly all of the migrating warblers and passerines that pass through the St. Louis area each spring. We gawked at their beautiful breeding plumages, especially wondrous views of Yellow-Throated Warblers and Vireos, Chestnut-sided, Bay-Breasted, Black-and-White, Prothonotary, Cerulean, and Magnolia warblers (to name but a few). If you have not been out to look at the migrating songbirds yet this spring, don't despair. You still have a few weeks to view this wonderful spectacle! Grab your binocs and take a look. The August issue of *Tale Feathers* will contain the upcoming calendar of bird trips for the 2000-2001 season. Join us where the birds are!

Kearney, Nebraska In March

By Mary Dueren

It never ceases to amaze me how unusual the weather can be in Nebraska. If St. Louis weather changes by the day, Nebraska weather changes by the hour!

In March, a large contingent of St. Louis Audubon folks headed to Kearney, Nebraska. Dave Tylka, Jerry Castillon, Arthur Montgomery, Dianne Johnson and myself were accompanied by Shere Walmsley, a teacher at Summit High School, and a German exchange student Christine Kühle. The women went by plane; the men drove. By coincidence, we met at the rails-to-trails bridge in Fort Kearney State Park. As spectacular full moon was rising in the east and equally spectacular sun was setting in the west, thousands of Sand Hill Cranes were landing in the Platte River--a thrilling sight.

The next day, we all searched for Waldo, the Common Crane that has migrated with the Sand Hill Cranes for the past two years. He is definitely larger and has a darker "bustle"

See Kearney, page 3.

They Sang, They Danced, They Wowed the Crowd

By Jim Malone



In early spring, when the first migrating warblers appear, Missouri's Greater Prairie Chickens are already strutting their stuff! In April, we visited Hi Lonesome Prairie Conservation Area to witness this phenomenon first hand.

Getting up well before the crack of dawn to be in place at first light seemed rather cruel to some, but they soon forgave us when the

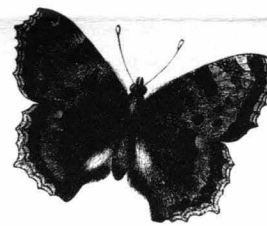
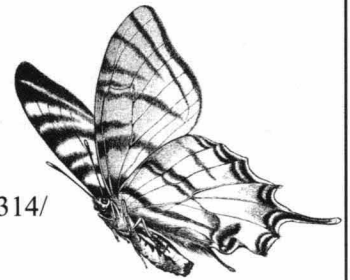
Prairie Chickens showed up. This year we were fortunate enough to see a good group of them in an open pasture where they stood tall above the grass. The males stomped their feet, danced in circles, and jumped up and down to get the attention of nearby females. At the same time, they made low moaning noises, which could be heard for quite some distance, by blowing air from inflated yellow pouches beneath their chins. In addition to great views of the chickens, some of us heard Henslow's sparrows and flushed LeConte's sparrows as we wondered around on the prairie. Following our success at the Prairie, we did some passerine birding in and near Mora Conservation area. We saw a good mixture of migrating birds and early breeders, as well as several sparrow species. After a well-earned brunch in Sedalia, we scurried off to Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area near Columbia, MO. Here we searched the Columbia city wastewater treatment cells and found Northern Shovelers, Blue- and Green-winged Teal, Mallards, Pied-billed Grebes, and a handful of other waterfowl. There were some early Pectoral sandpipers and several swallow species, including Barn, Tree, Northern Rough-winged, Purple Martin, and Cliff. Although we heard Marsh wrens and Sora, we were not fortunate enough to get one to come out of the cattails for a view. Moving on into Eagle Bluffs proper, we saw additional waterfowl, Dunlins, Semi-palmated and Least Sandpipers, Common snipe, Dowitcher species (unidentified), both Yellowlegs, and Semi-palmated Plover. Further back in the area, while we studied a Bald Eagle, which was staying close to its nest, two squads of American White Pelicans wheeled

overhead, being buoyed up on the rising thermal wind currents. The other raptor of note on this trip was a nearly invisible Merlin perched low in the trees near the water treatment cells. After Eagle Bluffs, we moved to the University of Missouri's Bradford Farms facility on the outskirts of Columbia to look for Smith's Longspurs. Although we didn't find any lingering Longspurs, everyone had a nice walk. In the end, we saw 123 species of birds on Saturday, and everyone had a great time. Plus, the evening before, several of us went to Paintbrush Prairie South of Sedalia. We saw a number of interesting prairie wildflowers, and a few Turkeys (the feathered kind), then returned to the motel where Christie Beckmann plied us with wonderful wine and cheese before dinner.

Butterfly Counts

June 17, Valley View Glade. Call Marshall Wagner at 314/961-4588.

June 17, Victoria Glade. Call Gloria Broderick at 314/741-4588.



Powder Valley Nature Center. Call Phil Koenig at 618/281-1313 for date and time.

Busch Wildlife Center. Call Yvonne Homeyer at 314/963-7750 for date and time.

Kearney, from page 2.

of tail feathers. We found in a cornfield only briefly. Spooked by a truck going down the farm road, the small group of birds took flight and disappeared in another cornfield.

Our group had different interests, so we all attended different seminars at the Rivers and Wildlife Celebration. The featured speakers this year at the conference were Bill and Elsa Thompson, co-founders of the *Bird-Watchers Digest*. The program was a musical tribute to bird watching. I know that sounds strange, but it was quite funny and very enjoyable.

Saturday morning in Kearney, we awoke to snow! It was surprising to us since we had heard of only a chance of flurries. So our walk into the blinds at Rowe Sanctuary was wet and slippery. Surprising to all of us in the blind was that the cranes did not rise out of the river. They stayed hunkered down. A few groups lifted off, but most just tucked their heads back under their wings. By the time we returned to the hotel, there were a good five inches on the ground. Later in the afternoon, the sun came out, and most of the snow was gone by Sunday!

Sunday's search for Prairie Chickens was futile for only one reason--thick fog. We could hear the Prairie Chickens, but we could not see them. After a hardy breakfast, we all headed home. Our list of birds included Loggerhead shrikes, Pine siskins, and Yellow-billed magpies to name a few. We just never know what the weather will be in Nebraska.

As we begin a new fiscal year, this is a good time to review the activities that St. Louis Audubon pursued this past year.

Encouraging a Moratorium on Chip Mills

Regulation of the new high capacity chip mills recently introduced into Missouri has been the number one priority for Missouri's Audubon chapters. As discussed at length on page 5, this campaign has been capped with the recent vote of the Clean Water Commission, which declared a two year moratorium on new chip mill permits. This allows legislators and others time to marshal their ideas and garner support for effective regulations.

Conservation A Year in Review

By Jim Holsen

Rescuing Kennedy Forest from Invasive Honey Suckle

As an outgrowth of our work with the Forest Park Master Plan, St. Louis Audubon, Webster Groves Nature Study Society, and the Missouri Coalition for the Environment continue to improve and restore Kennedy Forest in the southwest corner of Forest Park. We collaborated with the Missouri Department of Conservation to lay out and construct new trails through the woods, enhancing the area for larger groups of birders.

Last fall, Audubon members also helped cut honeysuckle that stifles growth of native plants. Randy Korotev reports that "the kill rate on the honeysuckle was probably better than 95%". However, a number of newly emerging plants may require further volunteer efforts come fall.

With initial financial support from St. Louis Audubon and others, Ken Cohen of the Missouri Coalition for the Environment and collaborators have planted savanna around the fringes of Kennedy Forest. Seeding is expected to begin in the open area south of the Art Museum in the fall. When completed, the savannas will be an excellent educational experience for city children who might otherwise never get to see prairie grasses and wildflowers. Continued funding is expected through Forest Park Forever.

Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge

Audubon chapters in St. Louis, Jefferson City, Columbia, and Kansas City are interested in working with the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. This is a new refuge, which will consist of parcels of wetlands in the Missouri River floodplain between Kansas City and St. Louis. Last summer the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved an expansion of the refuge from its authorized 16,000 acres to 60,000 acres.

Karen Goellner, a St. Louis Audubon board member, is leading our effort to persuade the US Congress to include the refuge in its appropriations for land acquisition using funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Karen is working closely with Senator Bond's office. He chairs the subcommittee that approves the appropriations. This is not an easy task in Missouri as there is much opposition to additional land ownership by

the federal government. This year, for example, the Missouri House passed a bill prohibiting the federal government from purchasing land without the express legislative approval of the General Assembly. Fortunately, that bill made no headway in the Missouri Senate.

Restoring the River: Mississippi River Campaign

National Audubon's Mississippi River Campaign began three years ago following a proposal from St. Louis

Audubon. The Director, Dan McGuiness, located in St. Paul, would like to establish a regional office in St. Louis, perhaps near the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. Last year, Dan spent a month on the Mississippi traveling from Minneapolis to Dubuque in a houseboat, the Audubon Ark, creating publicity and support for restoration of habitat along the river's floodplain. This fall Dan will pass through St. Louis on his way to Cape Girardeau. Pat McCormick, a St. Louis Audubon board member, will help with his plans and publicity.

Missouri River Water Policy

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is about to reach a decision on a new policy for water flow on the Missouri River, following a disastrous proposal some five years ago that met with opposition from bargaining groups.

As a member of the Missouri River Coalition, St. Louis Audubon favors a so-called split season alternative that provides somewhat higher flows in the spring to simulate the high flows that historically have accompanied spring thaws on the Great Plains and in the Rockies. This alternative also provides sufficient flow in the fall months to support navigation on the Mississippi below St. Louis, something that the proposal five years ago did not do.

Riverlands: Shorebirds Need Habitat, Too

The Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area, some 1200 acres of wet prairie on the Missouri side of the Mississippi near the Melvin Price Lock and Dam at Alton, provides some of the best birding habitat, especially for waterfowl, to be found around St. Louis. It is also a favorite site for observing eagles in the winter months. Paul Bauer and John Solodar are working with the Corps of Engineers to develop projects that St. Louis Audubon can carry out in partnership with the Corps. John has been working to develop plans to restore nesting habitat (sandbars) for the endangered Least Tern. It looks like work on this project may begin in the fall. Paul has suggested a number of projects for the future. These include improved habitat for shorebirds, something that is scarce around St. Louis, particularly in dry years like this one.

Page Avenue Extension and Wetlands

With the Page Avenue Extension approved and construction underway, St. Louis Audubon's Jim Malone is working with the Conservation Committee of the Webster Groves Nature Study Society to ensure that the promised mitigation wetlands are properly managed. The area of Little Creve Coeur Lake, the wetland area south of the proposed highway and west of Creve Coeur Mill Road, affords excellent waterfowl habitat and has been much visited by birders in recent months.



Preserve I-44: No Kart Racing Facility

St. Louis Audubon is on record as opposing the proposed relocation of a kart racing track from Widman County Park to Antire County Park along I-44, opposite the Tyson Research Center. Many groups have invested much time, money, and effort in preserving the natural characteristics of the rolling Ozark foothills along the stretch of I-44 between Eureka and Fenton. We feel that some other more suitable location can be found. The proposal is currently before a committee of the St. Louis County Council. Councilmen Gregory Quinn, whose district includes Antire Park, and Kurt Odenwald, a member of the Public Improvements Committee, both oppose the relocation to Antire Park.

Welcoming Audubon Missouri

St. Louis Audubon is working with Russ Sewell, the new executive director for the National Audubon Society state office in Missouri, to find a suitable location for an education center near St. Louis. Russ is working with Ron Coleman, executive director of the Open Space Council, and the Missouri Department of Conservation to explore partnership possibilities for an 800 acre tract south of the Meramec River near Eureka. Eventually the state office expects to have a network of education centers in major cities throughout the state.

Missouri Shows the Way Moratorium on New Chip Mills

By Jim Holsen

On April 19, the Missouri Clean Water Commission approved a two year moratorium on permits for new chip mills. Presently, Missouri has two high capacity chip mills in the southeastern Ozarks, which are already promoting clear-cutting practices that threaten to devastate thousands of acres of hardwood Ozark forests. With this two year moratorium, Missouri has the opportunity to show the nation how chip mills can be regulated and our Ozark forests preserved.

Missouri has succeeded with conservation efforts before. Nearly one hundred years ago, Missouri forests were decimated when the largest saw mills in the nation came to Missouri to cut railroad ties for the westward expansion. The devastation was not limited to trees alone; an associated loss of wildlife ensued. By 1935, turkey and deer populations had plummeted to very few individuals, 4,000 and 2,500 individuals, respectively. Associated with forest clearing, sedimentation and water pollution took its toll on the fish population. Records of a Carter County fishing club show that, whereas the average catch per man day had been fourteen fish in the 1890s, the catch was reduced to two fish per man day in the 1930s. To reverse the devastation Missourians faced in the late 1930s, voters approved a nonpartisan plan for the Missouri Conservation Commission, which is now a model for the nation.

Today, we face similar threats to our forests. However, given two years, maybe we can work together to achieve conservation goals before the chip mills clear-cut our forests this time. Environmentalists in the southeastern states, where chip mills are much more entrenched, will be watching Missouri for a guide to what can be accomplished.

Previous to the Clean Water Commission approving the official moratorium, the Governor's Advisory Committee on Chip Mills voted 7 to 6, with one abstention, against a moratorium on permits for new chip mills. While Dave Bedan (Audubon Missouri), Steve Mahfood (Mo DNR), Joe Driskill (Mo Dept. of Economic Development), John Saunders (Mo Dept. of Agriculture), Jon Smith (Mo Forest Products Assn.), and Wayne Goode (Mo Senate) all voted for the moratorium, it should be noted that Jerry Conley (Mo Dept. of Conservation), Jay Law (Conservation Federation of Missouri) and David Day (Farm Bureau) voted against a moratorium.

The Dept. of Conservation has the dubious distinction of having invited chip mills into Missouri. For many years the Forestry Division of the Department has promoted clear-cutting. Now it offers no apologies to Missouri's citizens for introducing industrial wood processing operations



Volunteer!

Call a board member today. A variety of skills and time commitments are needed.



that can completely destroy the ecological diversity so characteristic of the Missouri Ozarks.



Notes from Our New President

By Mary Dueren

I first want to say, "thank you," to the outgoing board members for all their help and encouragement. Your guidance and wisdom will be a wonderful resource in the future. There is a lot of work for the SLAS board to do. Our current list of tasks includes getting our committee structure rebuilt. This is extremely important to an all-volunteer board. Look for help wanted requests in our newsletter. If you haven't thought about volunteering before, please consider St. Louis Audubon Society. We are a very friendly group, all working in the common interest of birding and bird watching.

Our year is coming to a close. Calendar planning is around the corner. We are looking forward to setting our fall picnic date. There will be fall bird walks, of course. If any of our readers have ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any board member with your ideas. Or, leave your idea on the message center phone line. The volunteer retrieving messages will forward that information to the appropriate board member or volunteer.

If you missed our Annual "Banquet" at Powder Valley, you missed a nice picnic. The food from Super Smokers was wonderful and Mike Macik from the St. Louis Zoo gave a very interesting presentation on Zoo projects. Many thanks to Tom Day and Karen Goellner for their time and effort in our first Annual Picnic Banquet.



Hummingbirds are Back Are you ready?

By Mary Dueren

The basic recipe for nectar for your hummingbird feeder is very easy: one cup of sugar to four cups of water. Bring this to a 15-minute gentle boil and let cool. **Do not add red food coloring to the nectar.** Fill the feeder and store the remainder in the frig. Remember to change the nectar at least two or three times a week to avoid fermentation.

If you have trouble cleaning hard to reach spots in your feeder, try denture-cleaning tablets and BBs. Using a bottle brush will help, too. Use warm soapy water and rinse thoroughly.

Complement your hummingbird feeder with the real thing--flowers that attract hummingbirds. These include Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), Columbine (red and pink forms), Monarda (red and pink forms), Penstemon (especially red, pink, and purple kinds), Petunia (red-pink), Salvia (red forms), and Trumpet Vine (*Campsis radicans* and hybrid forms). Hummers love reds, pinks, and some purples!

Help Wanted

Do you know how to put a party together?
Do you know good cooks or caterers?

Well, we need help. Every year, St. Louis Audubon has a fall picnic, a holiday party, and an annual banquet. If you can help put these functions together, we need you!

We could also use someone as a point person to call when we need to send flowers in times of illness or bereavement.

If you think you can help our board, give me a call any evening: Mary Dueren 314-576-1473.

Dave Tylka for Regional Director

At its May meeting, St. Louis Audubon cast five ballots for David Tylka for regional director to the board of directors of the National Audubon Society. Dave, a past president of St. Louis Audubon and the leader of our strategic planning activities, is a professor of biology at St. Louis Community College at Meramec. Ione Werthman of Omaha, Nebraska, is the only other contender for the board position. Results of the voting will be announced in July.

St. Louis Audubon Society Membership Form

Audubon is a membership organization dedicated to protecting birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. Our members are the source of our volunteer strength and the foundation of our financial support. By becoming a member, you will receive National Audubon Society's magazine as well as the St. Louis Audubon Society newsletter, *Tale Feathers*.

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Education Committee

Active, Alert, and Expanding

By Vicki Flier

The education committee had a terrific and innovative 1999-2000 fiscal year. In September, we manned a booth at Riverlands on National Public Lands Day. In October, Dale and Pat represented us at the Teacher's Resource Network at Powder Valley Nature Center, where they gave out Feeder Watch packets.

In January, we held a training for our newly established Audubon Adventures Speakers' Bureau. Presentation requests took us to St. Ann Community Center among other places. In fall 2000, the speakers' bureau and Whittaker Homes in St. Charles will begin a feeder watch program, "Soaring into 2000", for the St. Charles County public schools.

This year we initiated discussion toward awarding naturalist certification in collaboration with St. Louis Community College, Meramec Campus. This program should debut in January 2001.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped during International Migratory Bird Week, May 6-13, at the St. Louis Zoo and Missouri Botanical Garden: Doris Lindauer, Mike Thelen, Mary Dueren, Gail Hoffman, Karen Meyer, Dot Anderson, Edna Dendahl, Beth Haase, and Mary Herm. Thanks, too, to Dianne Benjiman, Sue Gustafson, and Joe Eades for signing up for the Audubon Adventures Speakers' Bureau. Special thanks to Pat McCormick and Dale Ponce for their great ideas, hard work, and support during the fiscal year 1999-2000 and continued commitment for 2000-2001. St. Louis Audubon Society appreciates all that you have done to make this a terrific year.

Interested in joining this dynamic group? Please call Vicki Flier at 968-9166. Regular meetings start in August. New ideas to further the Audubon Education Program are always appreciated.



Office Space for St. Louis Audubon

Can You Help Us?

By John Solodar and Dave Tylka

The St. Louis Audubon Office has been located at the Kirkwood Medical Arts Building on Lindbergh/Kirkwood Road for the last six years. The building has been sold, and our lease will run out at the end of the summer. We are negotiating with the new owners about remaining, but the lease/rent amount is yet to be determined.

With our lease running out, we need to check out all possibilities. An office search committee has been set up (Jim Holsen, Jerry Miller, Vicki Flier, John Solodar and Dave Tylka). Our committee has filtered through many possibilities and inspected about a dozen sites. However, we have not found a suitable home yet. We are looking for a facility large enough to accommodate board and committee meetings, storage and pick-up of our educational materials, an office for volunteers to work, storage for chapter archives, and small classes.

We need a facility of 600-1000 usable square feet with a room large enough to seat 20-25 board members or students. We have budgeted about \$500 to \$600 a month. Ideally, we would prefer a central location within St. Louis County that would be close to interstate highways and safe for evening access.

If you have any leads on suitable space, please contact Jim Holsen at 314-822-0410, Jerry Miller at 314-389-3969, or any other committee member. Because this is a major ongoing expense for our chapter, we also welcome any donation of property that could be used directly or indirectly for these very important activities. In the future, we would also welcome a contribution to build a "green" facility (state-of-the-art energy efficient) to house these chapter activities. What a wonderful way that would be to memorialize a loved one.

St. Louis Audubon

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